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mean·while *adverb, noun* *BrE* [ˈmiːnwaɪl] *NAme* [ˈmiːnwaɪl]**adverb**

1. (*also informal* **mean-time**) while sth else is happening
 - Bob spent fifteen months alone on his yacht. Ann, meanwhile, took care of the children on her own.
2. (*also informal* **mean-time**) in the period of time between two times or two events
 - The doctor will see you again next week. Meanwhile, you must rest as much as possible.
3. used to compare two aspects of a situation
 - Stress can be extremely damaging to your health. Exercise, meanwhile, can reduce its effects.

Word Origin:late Middle English: from ↑**mean** (noun) + ↑**while**.Idioms: ↑**for the meanwhile** ▪ ↑**in the meanwhile****noun**Word Origin:[**meanwhile**] late Middle English: from ↑**mean** (noun) + ↑**while**.See also: ↑**meantime****meanwhile**

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mean **while** **W2** /ˈmiːnwaɪl/ *BrE* *AmE* *adverb* [sentence adverb]

1. while something else is happening:
 - Cook the sauce over a medium heat until it thickens. Meanwhile start boiling the water for the pasta.
2. (*also in the meanwhile*) in the period of time between two events:
 - The flight will be announced soon. Meanwhile, please remain seated.
 - I knew I wouldn't get my exam results for several weeks, and I wasn't sure what to do in the meanwhile.
3. used to compare two things, especially if they are completely different and are happening at the same time:
 - The incomes of male professionals went up by almost 80%. Meanwhile, part-time women workers saw their earnings fall.

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- **while** during the time that you are doing something, or something is happening: I bought a magazine while I was waiting for the train. | While we were on holiday, my bag was stolen.
- **meanwhile** at the same time as something else is happening: They're still working on our bedroom. Meanwhile, we're sleeping downstairs. | The Russians, meanwhile, declared war on August 8.
- **in the meantime** during the period of time between now and a future event, or between two events in the past: More aid is expected soon, but in the meantime these people are going hungry. | My new job hadn't started, so in the meantime I tried to write a book.
- **whilst** *British English* while. **Whilst** sounds a little more formal than **while**: One American plane was forced to land whilst flying over North Korea. | Whilst all this was going on, the performers were getting ready for the show.

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